I am writing about the impact of communications towers on migrating birds. I believe many bird mortalities can be prevented by taking the following measures:

- \* Begin a sytematic review of this issue
- \* Institute a research program to identify factors that result in bird mortality (such as lighting conditions and tower placement).
- $\star$  Review existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts
- \* Subject proposed towers to rigorous environmental review.
- \* Implement immediate protection based on U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service quidelines.